

Law School? There's an App For That: Study Experience Transformed by Smartphones

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I'm in the bathroom, sitting in a stall. There is a good chance I'll be waiting here for a few minutes with nothing to do – a much needed, well deserved break from my busy day toiling in the law library. If only I had a device with which to pass the time. But wait, I have my trusty iPhone! Within minutes, I play my next words with friends, advance to St. Charles, destroy eleven green pigs by pummeling their ill-constructed forts with unhappy birds, and unlock a new ninja blade by slicing three watermelons in a row. My work here is done. Time to wash up.

With the recent news of Steve Jobs stepping down from his influential position as CEO of Apple, now seems like a good time to reflect on how iPhones, as well as smartphones in general, continue to change our lives. This being an article in a law school publication, what better way to examine smartphone technology than through the eyes and fingertips of a law student?

My first foray into law-related smartphone applications began with the download of Black's Law Dictionary. The professors kept harping during summer session, "make sure you have Black's Law Dictionary wherever you go; you never know when you'll need it!" Very good advice. But, "aw man," you say, "it's 2,000 pages and there's no more room in my rolly bag for another law book!" Not to worry. There's an app for that! (For law dictionaries. Not rolly bags.) The Black's app not only has all of the definitions you will ever need, but it cross links them to related words and rules, and links you to cases on Westlaw which you can read on your phone as well. But the best

part about the Black's app is you can freak out your friends in the library by using the pronunciation feature. That's right – your iPhone will read those Latin phrases out loud, no matter how difficult they may be.

Other apps are good for having



rules and laws at your fingertips. You can carry around your FRCP supplement at school, but what if you want to study in the line at the DMV, or at a boring baseball game? Running a quick search in the app store, you will find apps that have your FRCs, your R2ds, your UCC, CFR, CVC, MPEP, OMFG, BRB, and WTFs. The LawStack app is a good one because it's free, has a quick and easy interface, and is searchable. It even comes with the United States Constitution. Now that's fancy.

There are a variety of apps that can help with studying. For in-

stance, Law in a Flash, BarBri, Kaplan, and LexisNexis all have apps that serve as study guides. Those kinds of apps typically cost a lot, so make sure you read the reviews in the app store to check out just how useful each app is before buying it.

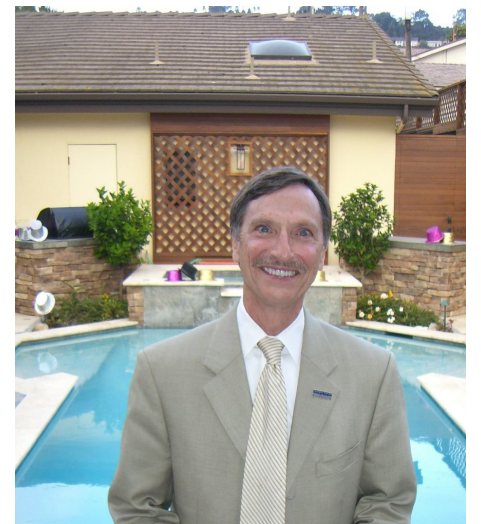
An example of a great app that is free for a limited time is "Kaplan MBE Flashcards." This app has very high reviews and spans a variety of subjects. The amount of material covered in this app makes it a great resource for not only multistate bar exam prep, but also for individual classes.

Perhaps the coolest thing you can do with a smartphone in a school setting is link it with a cloud-based storage service like Dropbox, effectively turning your smartphone into an extension of your laptop. The Dropbox iPhone app is very well designed, and it allows you to have instant access to your computer files. Plus, it's free! Not only does this app allow you to review your briefs, class notes, and outlines wherever you are, but it also provides a highly effective and easy way to back up your files.

[For detailed instructions on how to set up a Dropbox account, email the editors.]

Whether you use your smartphone to play Angry Birds during your bathroom breaks, review the elements of adverse possession in line at the grocery store, or lighten the load in your rolly bag, there is no doubt that these powerful devices have the potential to transform the law school experience. So why not give it a shot? Try out some of the apps mentioned in this article, then move on from there.

Studying doesn't have to be boring and hard – there's an app for that!



Dean Smith Transitions

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After 15 years of service to California Western School of Law, Dean Steven Smith announced that he will be stepping down as dean in August 2012 to pursue his research and writing. Smith will remain at California Western as a member of the faculty.

"I am happy to say that I am not leaving California Western, only transitioning from Dean to member of the faculty," said Smith.

Smith was appointed dean in 1996, after serving as dean of Cleveland-Marshall Law School in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to that, he served as a law professor, Associate Dean and Acting Dean at the University of Louisville School of Law.

Smith is a strong advocate for pro bono work and service to the profession, which was demonstrated in his priorities as dean at California Western. During his tenure, the law school was twice recognized for community engagement by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, for the 2009 and 2010 academic years. In 2010, the law school was the first to receive the State Bar of California's first President's Pro Bono Service award focused on legal education.

Smith's dedication helped expand

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Law Student Attacked by Shark in Puerto Rico

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Some might say that law school is an end to life of sorts. Nothing less than the attack on one of our own is suitable to dispel the fiction. Life is precious. We enter law school with insecurity. Are we good enough? Are we smart enough? But none of us think that anything other than law school can conquer us.

Lydia Strunk is a law student at USD School of Law. She took a trip to Puerto Rico on her summer break - a well deserved respite from the stresses and strains of law school. But on that trip she was attacked, not by thugs, but a 6-foot long shark. She was attacked after jumping in for a swim in Puerto Rico's normally safe waters. In that attack, the shark caused a 10-inch wound on her leg, between her knee and ankle.

When this article went to press, Ms. Strunk was recovering in a Puerto Rican hospital, expected to make a full and complete recovery. Hopefully the ABA will relax any attendance requirements on her behalf. Her story is one of dual meaning. As law students, we need to get out there and live full and complete lives. We cannot ever really know what lies around the next corner. Every moment we have, to live, to learn, to grow, is a blessing to us. The prayers and well wishes of the Cal Western family are devoted to Lydia in her time of need, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Letter from the Editor

Greetings, and thank you for taking the time to read the first issue of the new Commentary. This issue is extraordinary for several reasons. First, this is the longest letter from the editor that you will ever be forced to endure. Second, this issue is the start of something completely new for us: a monthly student newspaper. Third, in the spirit of all things new, we've chosen, as a staff, to focus this issue on information for our incoming 1L class. It is my sincere hope that this issue is the start of great things for the Commentary and that we can, as a student body, make it a resource that is both useful and something we can be proud of. I would like to thank Kevin and the rest of SBA for trusting me to get this project started. I would like to thank my editorial staff for the long nights and schizophrenic process of creating this paper. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the writers who have contributed to this issue.

As I said before, this is something completely new. Our goals are two-fold. We want this paper to be funny and entertaining, serious and informative, but most of all, we want it to be something that you will actually read. We also want it to be an open forum in which all students can participate. Do you like to write? Do you dabble in photography? Do you feel out of place in the world of law review and academia? We want you. We need you, actually. Male or female, republican or democrat, any category, creed, race, religion or point of view, this is your paper. If you want in, all you need to do is ask. We do not currently have a faculty advisor (a fact which I expect to be remedied forcefully after this issue is published) and that gives us a certain amount of freedom at this particular moment. Therefore, I will be candid with my thoughts. I hope that when we do get a faculty advisor, that person will serve only in an oversight capacity and not

as a censor. This paper should be a gift that we give to the student body, and I will fight tooth and nail to ensure that it remains free to tackle even the most controversial issues. That is my promise to you.

Now, onto what I really want to talk about: 1Ls. This issue is for you. Inside, you will find articles from extremely knowledgeable and competent people (myself excluded). Those articles are meant to help you succeed as a student, get an internship, take on a dual degree, study abroad, and/or become active on campus. What the articles, and your books talking about highlighting in four different colors, will not tell you is what the end of my letter is all about. I have three simple tips, and if you follow them, you will have a great time at Cal Western.

First, try everything. This includes your academic and social lives. As far as school is concerned, join a few student organizations. Meet some real attorneys and actually attend an event at the SD Bar. It's a great way to network without going through the normal cattle call events that career services sets up for you. When people know you are there of your own free will, they are less likely to think that you're just sucking up on a superficial level. As far as your social life, just say "yes." This does not mean say "yes" to that night of binge drinking the Tuesday before your midterm. However, like it or not, law school is very much like high school. Undergrad was the time to be quirky and independent. Now is the time to meet everyone, and form some real friendships. More likely than not, these will be the people helping you down the road with notes when you're sick or a shoulder to cry on when things get rough. Be outgoing and friendly.

Second, don't be a jerk. One of the best things about our school is that (for the most part) everyone is nice. We do not hide books in the library, we do give people notes

when they are absent, and we are the first to pat our fellow students on the back when they succeed. 1L is hard enough without having to deal with other students sniping at you. Trust me, if you work hard enough, helping another student will not hurt you on the curve.

Finally, do not work too hard. I know this will be tough for a few of you. There is no magical formula to find law school success. Some of you will see your fellow students in the library 12 hours per day. Some students will lie and say that they are in the library 12 hours per day. Ultimately, you've got to find what works for you. In this edition, Josh Fox (our former law review Editor) shares his strategy for studying. Josh got some of the best grades this school has ever seen, and he also worked harder than anyone I have ever seen. My approach has always been less comprehensive.

The point is that you need to find a balance. If you find yourself living off red bull and no-doz, you're doing it wrong. If you're crying yourself to sleep before Jersey Shore starts, you're doing it wrong. Take a deep breath, let yourself live a little and things will be okay.

Enjoy the issue,

Brian Horan
Editor-in-Chief

Questions? Comments? Feel free to email Brian at bjhoran@law.cwsl.edu. Your feedback will make our paper great. Thanks!

Smith Continued...

the California Western community and provide many more opportunities for Cal Western students and faculty. In 1996, California Western signed an affiliation agreement with San Diego State University, creating dual-degree programs in social work and business administration. In December of 2002, California Western signed an affiliation agreement with UC San Diego to broaden interdisciplinary opportunities for the faculty and students of both schools and in 2006 began the joint MAS in Health Law program. Additionally, under Dean Smith's tenure, California Western expanded its course offerings and areas of concentration, including Health Law, IP/Telecommunications and Business Law.

In January of 2000, the law school welcomed United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy to mark the opening of the first law library of the 21st century. Later that year, the school launched the California Innocence Project and Proyecto ACCESO.

In an email to students, Smith wrote, "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Dean of this great law school for the past 15 years and to watch so many students succeed in their studies and as they build rewarding careers. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you at school events, receptions, and on campus."

We wish the dean well in his future reasearch endeavors and will keep you informed of any and all developments that arise concerning the search for California Western's next boss.

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If your club would like to participate in the "Messages" section of The Commentary, or if you would like to include your events in the upcoming Calendar section please contact Commentary Managing Editor Elena Shaygan at aeshaygan@law.cwsl.edu.

Additionally, all letters to the editor or corrections may be sent to the above email address.

Chargers Season Preview

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 2010 - 2011 Record: 9-7 (Second place in AFC West). Key Losses: Darren Sproles (RB, KR/PR), Shawne Merriman (LB), Jamal Williams (DT).
 Key Additions: Bob Sanders (S), Takeo Spikes (LB).

Offseason Recap: The Chargers narrowly missed the playoffs last year, finishing a disappointing 9-7, which was good enough for second place in the AFC West behind the Kansas City Chiefs. The Chargers have been notoriously slow starters under Head Coach Norv Turner, who in his 4 seasons with the team has led them to an abysmal 13-16 record in the first two months of the season.

Last year was no different, as the Chargers stumbled out of the gate to a 2-5 start. Many fans attributed the slow start to the loss of fan favorite, and team leading rusher, LaDainian Tomlinson to the New York Jets in the offseason and franchise player Vincent Jackson's holdout for the first half of the season. Whatever the reason, this year the Chargers cannot afford to bring anything less than their "A" game to start the season.

Although many teams will be struggling to create offensive and defensive continuity after the lockout this offseason, the Chargers shouldn't have much trouble jumping back to where they left off after finishing 7-2 in the second half of last season. The offense returns all of its starters, including a happy Vincent Jackson, who is in a contract season and will obviously be looking to raise his stock before impending contract negotiations. The defense remains mostly intact, cutting injury-prone line-backer Shawne Merriman (hope you enjoy single-digit weather and losing seasons in Buffalo) and aging defensive tackle Jamal Williams.

Offense: All-pro quarterback and MVP candidate Philip Rivers will once again lead the Chargers offense. Rivers, who currently has a 97.2 career passer rating, good for second best all-time, will have to make a serious run in the playoffs in order to win his first MVP. If Rivers' favorite target Antonio Gates can stay healthy this season, and with a plethora of talented receivers like Vincent Jackson, Malcom Floyd, Patrick Crayton, and Randy McMichael, the Chargers have a legitimate shot at making a deep playoff run.

The real key to the offense this season will be the running game. The loss of Darren Sproles hurts, but he isn't exactly the type of go-to guy an offense can depend on in crunch time. Coach Turner will depend a little more on the run game this season, and will split carries between second year player Ryan Mathews and the bruising Mike Tolbert. If the running game improves its ranking of 15th from last season, the Chargers offense will be incredibly difficult to stop.

Defense: Unfortunately, the Chargers lost Defensive Coordinator Rob Rivera to the Carolina Panthers this offseason. However, they have made a popular hire in former San Francisco 49ers Defensive Coordinator Greg Manusky. Coach Manusky is a familiar face to the Chargers, as he coached their linebacking corps from 2002 - 2006. He is an intense guy who plans to put the Chargers defense in full attack mode this season, putting pressure on opposing offenses and dictating tempo.

The Chargers have also picked up former NFL Defensive Player of the Year and two-time all-pro safety Bob Sanders, who, if he can remain healthy, will be an immense coup for an already stout defense. The addition of two-time all-pro linebacker Takeo Spikes will also provide veteran leadership to the defense. Spikes, despite being in his 13th season last year, recorded over 100 tackles for the San Francisco 49ers. The Chargers dedicated most of their offseason, including the draft, to improving the defense and its depth, and they most certainly accomplished that goal.

Prediction: The Chargers bring all of the essential pieces that accounted for the NFL's best overall offense and defense from the 2010 - 2011 season, and have made key additions. Early road games against the Jets and Patriots will be good indicators as to how the Chargers will fare this year. The Chargers also take on the defending Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers at home, will travel to Chicago to battle "Da Bears," and have a tough late season matchup with the Baltimore Ravens. Considering this brutal schedule, the Chargers can't afford to get off to a sluggish start. Finally, on to my somewhat-biased predictions. Because the Chargers are far more talented than their AFC West counterparts, they will dethrone the Chiefs this year as AFC West Champs. If they remain healthy (and that's a BIG "if"), the Chargers will finish 11-5 this year. They should lock up the second seed, giving them a bye and a home playoff game before traveling to New England or Pittsburgh for an icy January playoff matchup with one of the AFC's traditional powers.

Feedback, trash talk, feel free to email me at weinrich31@gmail.com.

A New Era at Apple

If Helen of Troy was the face that launched a thousand ships, then Steve Jobs is the face that launched a billion downloads. The man who revolutionized the way we listen to music and use smartphones has resigned as CEO of the largest technology company in the world. When Jobs reassumed the helm of Apple Computer, Inc., the company was on the verge of bankruptcy. Fourteen years and countless innovations later, the company (now known simply as "Apple") briefly eclipsed Exxon as the most valuable company in the world. Now Jobs faces a new and daunting task - that of finding a successor who can sustain Apple's unprecedented growth.

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"I have always said if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know," Jobs said in a letter to the Apple Board and Apple Community. "Unfortunately, that day has come." Jobs has been on medical leave for the past several months, and while investors had been pushing Apple to disclose their succession plans, the day-to-day affairs of the company were being run by Tim Cook, the CEO's right hand man.

Jobs, who suffers from a rare form of pancreatic cancer and had, in the past, received a liver transplant, finally decided that he could no longer make the triumphant return that we had all hoped he would make. Instead, in his letter to the Board of Directors, he strongly recommended that the board appoint Cook as the new CEO. The board responded by immediately electing Jobs not only to the board, but also by making him Chairman.

The choice of new CEO, however, will not be one that Jobs can make alone. Instead, Apple's compensation committee, which includes former Vice President Al Gore, will be the group to decide.

In the wake of the announcement, Apple stock lost nearly five percent of its value in after hours trading. This figure represents over 15 billion dollars in market capitalization. However, a day after Jobs stepped down the stock price had recovered to almost its pre-announcement levels and even surged ahead another two percent to close the week.

So what's next at Apple? Cook will surely be a competent CEO and every bit the operations genius that he is rumored to be. However, in losing a creative genius like Steve Jobs, will Apple's design team continue to innovate at the level we are used to? We must hope that Jobs will continue to exercise some level of input into creative decisions from his position as Chairman. We must also hope that Cook can continue to trust in the skill and foresight of Apple's design team.

In the short term, Apple will continue to introduce new products that reshape the way we work, play and live, and until Steve Jobs no longer walks the earth, that will continue to be the case. Once he is gone, we must trust that his faith in Cook was well placed. Regardless, it is the end of an era at Apple. In saying goodbye to one of the most revered, restless and relentless CEOs of all time, I simply say thank you and hope that the best is yet to come.

[In the interest of full disclosure, Brian owns a MacBook Pro, iPhone, iPod and countless Apple products. However, because he lacks vision and capital, he does not own any Apple stock.]



Photo of Steve Jobs by Matt Buchanan at gizmodo.com

Messages from your Clubs...

Child, Family, and Elder Law

The Child, Family, and Elder Law Society is focused on generating networking opportunities within the San Diego family law community while expanding our members' knowledge of this area of practice. In past semesters, we have held networking events with both the Alternative Dispute Resolution Club and the Health Law Society. Last semester, we hosted a panel event focused on helping students learn how to start their own law firm. We plan events based on the input of our members and suggestions for panel, speaker, networking, or philanthropic events are always welcome.

CFELS is also looking to add officers to our current executive board. Joining a student organization, especially in a leadership role that reflects your interests, is one of the best ways to get involved at Cal Western (plus it looks good on your resume). CFELS can always benefit from more amazing members and officers! Dues are only \$5 per semester so please contact me, Amanda Bennett, at FamLaw@law.cwsl.edu for more information on joining or becoming an officer.

Employment and Labor Law

Welcome incoming and returning students! The Employment & Labor Law Society is an organization on campus dedicated to promoting employment and labor law among the California Western community. Our goal is to support open discussion of employment and labor law issues among the general student body and members of the San Diego legal community and to support and assist students in becoming exceptional practitioners in this area of law through shared experience, networking, and awareness of local opportunities.

This fall we will have a panel of attorneys, from different areas of employment and labor law, come to Cal Western and answer questions any questions students may have. We will also be hosting a mixer for students, where they can meet local employment and labor law attorneys, and we will also be planning additional activities designed to promote the concentration. If you have questions about how to become a member, we would encourage you to join our TWEN page, or feel free to email our President, Robyn Riedel, at rkriedel@law.cwsl.edu.

International Law Society

Whether you are a fresh-faced 1L, or a hardened 3L, ILS would like to welcome you and wish you a great Fall 2011 semester! We love what the new editors at The Commentary have done with our school newspaper and would like to take the opportunity to tell you about ILS and some of our upcoming events.

The purpose of International Law Society ("ILS") is to promote the study of international law on campus and to foster the growth of educational and career opportunities for students interested in international law. International law is a diverse field of practice, encompassing such areas as human rights, international business transactions, and intergovernmental relations.

ILS helps to familiarize students with what international law entails and what a career in the field involves. Through ILS, members are provided with opportunities to meet attorneys currently practicing in international law who can give tips on how to start your career and succeed as an international attorney. The society also sponsors seminars in which attorneys and scholars come together to discuss important issues.

Be on the lookout for our general meeting early this semester. We have also booked two speaking events, and are planning a tri-school mixer later in the semester. Former Taiwanese Minister of National Defense, Congressman, and CWSL alumnus, Michael Tsai will be speaking on October 4th, at 12pm in room LH2. ILS and Professor Cooper are coordinating a visit from Chilean lawyer (and former officer in the Chilean military) Luis Valentin Ferrada Falker. This speaking event will take place some time in late October.

If you would like to learn more about ILS, or would like to become a member, please contact a member of the ILS Board at ILS@law.cwsl.edu. Dues are \$10 per semester or \$15 for the entire year. Thank you for your interest in our organization. We hope to hear from you!

Race Judicata 2011: Bigger and Better Than Ever



WESTON PENFIELD
RACE COORDINATOR

On September 24, 2011, CWSL will host the 8th Annual Race Judicata 5k run/walk along beautiful Mission Bay. Building off the success of Race Judicata 2010, we plan to improve the annual tradition by making it bigger and better, increasing the number of participants and adding to the fun. New features will include inter-law school participation, a live band, and a team costume contest.

We are recruiting runners not only from Cal Western, but expanding our reach to encourage participation from USD and Thomas Jefferson. Additionally, we are encouraging more alumni and faculty to run, increasing your networking opportunities, and finally giving you a chance to outmaneuver your professors on our course, outside the comfort zone of their classroom. "Ashcraft and the Tortfeasors," winners of last year's CWSL talent show, will pump you up with a live set. Following the live band, our DJ will keep the party going after the race and during the BBQ. While you enjoy your meaty BBQ lunch, we will hold an award ceremony for the best team costume, in addition to presenting the awards for the best male and female times.

Join us for the competitive fun and post-race festivities! Register online at cwslsba.com/race-judicata. Like our cause and check out photos from last year's race on Facebook at "CWSL Race Judicata."



CWSL students enjoy individual and group victories at Race Judicata 2010

FOLLOW YOUR HEART... EVEN IF IT LEADS TO PISCO

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As with most decisions I make, I put a lot of thought into studying abroad. My academic approach before law school was everything but “by the book.” So, I made the conscious decision to play by the rules as a 1L. This was great in theory, but in practice, whose rules should I follow? Most students took the path paved by Career Services, and in all honesty, I felt pressured to do the same. In the end, followed my heart and the suggestions of admired professors: “Go abroad. You will have plenty of time to work in your life. If you don’t go now, you probably never will.” With those words in mind, I headed down to South America for the Chile Summer Program (CSP).

I was the first student to arrive in Santiago. Sebastian (Professor Cooper’s Chilean right-hand man) was waiting for me at customs. I traveled light, as LAN Airlines lost all my luggage. Yes, all of it. But, everything worked out. With the help of Sebastian and AMEX, I was reunited with my belongings three days later. Now, I’m not sure if any of you have had the pleasure of seeing my San Diego studio, but talk about an upgrade in living conditions. The Santiago facilities were wonderful, but the most impressive thing about it was the view of the Andes.

Let’s get down to the group dynamic. Talk about strong, independent personalities! Compared to previous years, the CSP group of sixteen students was small. The group was comprised of Texans, Midwest girls, a New Englander, and, of course, CWSL students. The program organized several dinners and activities for the group to get to know each other and the city. A note for future male CSPers: If one of the female dancers at Bali Hai asks you to come on stage and dance, don’t do it. Save yourself and your colleagues from the embarrassment. Trust me.

The first round of classes: Intro to Latin American Legal Culture and International Environmental Law. Cultural immersion brought lectures to life. Walking around the streets of Providencia, I witnessed underground and counterfeit goods peddled. Days without wind left Santiago’s air unbreathable and made the Andes disappear. The topics addressed in class were easier to comprehend when experienced first-hand. More importantly, I discovered that Chileans love soccer and Pisco, a liquor made from grapes. If and when you get the chance, drink a Terremoto. You can discuss its name the morning after.

After one week of class, CSP headed to Buenos Aires where the people are beautiful, the architecture and attitude is European, and the food is luscious. Professor Cooper scheduled visits to the Supreme Court and a breakfast with the American Chamber of Commerce. I was amazed at how much time and effort these very important people gave to tell U.S. law students about their system and culture. I am obligated to talk about the night-life in Buenos Aires to complete the picture. One of the Texans summed it up perfectly on the flight back to Santiago: “[The trip] was amazing, but I think one more night in Buenos Aires would have killed me!”

A highlight of the Chile Summer Program is that it affords students time to travel. After the first session finals, I had ten days to explore. Eleven of us (you know who you are) adventured to Peru. After adjusting to the elevation in Cusco for a few days, the group took a four day, guided hike through the Andes towards Machu Picchu. This was my favorite experience, bar none. Hiking through Andean villages, I saw how little U.S. law students have to complain about. Though poverty stricken, the indigenous people were welcoming. The sense of community was empowering. It is hard to put into words, but I will never forget my time in Peru and I will never forget seeing the sun rise at Machu Picchu.

Second round of classes: Free and Fair Trade in the Americas and International Trafficking in Humans. The classes opened my eyes to the problems and complexities of international trade agreements and modern human slavery. These areas of law were completely foreign to me (no pun intended) and I am lucky to have received the instruction in such an environment. Professor Fehrman’s course on human trafficking conveyed an urgency to act. I hope to become more dynamic and learned in this area.

I know the Legal Skills professors will be upset, but it is hard to sum up two months of perspective altering, poncho wearing, pisco drinking experiences in under 1,000 words. Santiago is a huge city and you need time to explore it. Chileans are reserved people, but once they warm up to you, you are part of the family. I respect that. More program specific, the connections made and the speeches given to the class were invaluable. From class visits by the head Chilean public defender or British Ambassador, to the friendships made while shredding gnar gnar on the slopes of the Andes, my time abroad was amazing. I am happy with my decision to be a “CSPer” and I am ready to return to CWSL with a clear mind and more ambition to practice law than ever. If anyone is interested in hearing more about my experience, feel free to Facebook stalk me (I guess I’d better re-activate my account then).

Message from your President...

KEVIN MAGENNIS
SBA PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Student Bar Association, welcome to another exciting school year. As President, it will be my honor to help lead our student body through what is certain to be a great year!

For 1Ls everything is new. For returning students there are some exciting new additions, including a new monthly edition of the student newspaper, a new SBA website (www.cwslsba.com), and a lot more events! The SBA is full of students looking to make a difference and dedicated to helping each of you have the best experience possible in your time at California Western. If you have ideas for how we can improve or change, we look forward to hearing from you.

In the coming weeks there will be plenty of opportunities to get to know your classmates outside of the classroom. The biggest event on the September calendar is Race Judicata on September 24th. Check out Weston Penfield’s article for more information! Also, on Friday, September 9th, watch or play with current CWSL students as they take on the alumni in the Students v. Alumni softball game. On Friday, September 16th, join your fellow students at Petco Park to watch the San Diego Padres take on the visiting Arizona Diamondbacks. All of these events can be found on our calendar and on cwslsba.com. Bookmark it so you don’t miss out on all the fun we have planned for you this year.

In the coming weeks, you’ll also find out more information on how you can give back to the community through our Community Outreach Committee. The Community Outreach Committee helps bring service-minded law students together to improve our community through volunteer work. Traditionally, this has included reading and tutoring projects at local public schools. If you are interested in giving your time to a great cause, please contact the Community Outreach Committee chairs for more information.

In closing, I am proud to be able to serve you all as SBA President. I look forward to working with each and every one of you, and helping you make California Western exactly what you imagined it could be.

A note for future male CSPers: If one of the female dancers at Bali Hai asks you to come on stage and dance, don’t do it. Save yourself and your colleagues from the embarrassment. Trust me.

Fight the Current: Alternative Law Student Careers



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STAFF WRITER

Halfway through your second year, you might realize that being a lawyer is not for you. It happens more often than you'd think. Luckily, a law degree has broad application in a variety of careers. With more than 16,000 legal jobs that have vanished as a result of the recession, it is always a wise idea to broaden your job search for careers you might never have considered.

A law degree actually makes you more competitive than other non-legal candidates. You can act as a "double-edged sword" of sorts. Not only can you be the business executive a company has hoped for, but you can also provide invaluable legal insight on contracts and liability implications. Personally, I have decided against taking the bar. At first, this statement triggered judgmental stares, gasps, and a swarm of questions, "What are you going to do?" "Why?! Oh Dear! Why?" and the ever so popular, "Why did you attend law school if you aren't going to take the bar?" I figured the dramatic responses came from the deep seeded hatred that I will not be sharing in Bar-Bri post-graduation depression. I can only tell my friends and colleagues this: "It's not you, it's me."

The reason that I came to law school is simple; I really enjoy learning about the law. I realized that practicing the law just wasn't my cup of tea. This has led me on a different career path, and I am happy with the results I have seen from a bit of job hunting. After talking with a few non-legal employers, I learned that a J.D. is very powerful outside of a legal career. So, look beyond the job hunt for that perfect tax attorney position, and consider a job with the IRS or an accounting firm instead.

We are students venturing out into a dismal economy. However, with a bit of creativity, you can sell yourself much more effectively by being the only one in the room with a law degree. It proves that you know how to think and that you are willing to put in the hard work that law school requires. If, somewhere down the road, you figure out being an attorney is not for you, don't despair. Your dream job might be waiting for you where you least expect it.

What to Expect When Considering the Dual JD/MBA Degree

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STAFF WRITER

One of the many amazing opportunities California Western School of Law offers its students is the chance to participate in a dual degree program. One such program is the JD/MBA program, for which CWSL partners with San Diego State University.

For me, the decision to apply to an MBA program was not difficult; I knew I wanted an MBA even before graduating with my Bachelor's degree. However, the decision became more complicated when I had to decide whether to enter the JD/MBA Program, or wait to get an MBA after law school. I was primarily concerned with taking a break in the middle of a JD program, entering a new program, and then having to return and pick up as though I had never left. So, I decided to go on a fact-finding mission.

I spoke to many professors, and other students, and learned there is quite a bit of overlap between business and law. I even started to see the overlap more and more in each of my classes as my 1L year at CWSL progressed. I also received a consistent, yet valuable, piece of advice from those I spoke to: California has a lot of lawyers and those with an MBA tend to be a bit more marketable, especially when engaging in their initial job search. So I decided to go for it and made a plan to find ways to stay involved at CWSL throughout my time at SDSU in order to overcome my fears of becoming too detached and having to jump back into law school cold turkey. The opportunity to take one less year of school for a degree I knew I wanted was just too great to turn down.

Throughout deciding whether or not to apply to the JD/MBA program I learned that many students were uncertain about how the program really works and what its benefits are. It's very simple: a student can graduate with a JD and an MBA in four years as opposed to the combined five it will take to obtain them separately. Depending on a student's undergraduate degree, several courses may be waived from the MBA program, and then between nine and twelve units (depending on the number of units waived) can be taken at CWSL and apply to both degrees simultaneously. This allows a student to receive double units for specific classes.

Despite the benefits that come with taking a dual degree, it seems as though very few students have entered the JD/MBA program from my 1L class. I've spent a great deal of time talking with the few that have, and I asked them to briefly explain why they chose to enter the JD/MBA program...

For any student interested in corporate law, or any other form of business related law, I highly recommend taking advantage of this great opportunity while it is available to you. See your academic advisor for more details.

"I chose to pursue the dual degree program primarily to maximize my versatility in the job market and to increase my network of contacts. Both the JD and MBA are highly respected and marketable degrees. Even with the question looming as to which degree I will rely on more heavily in my career, it seemed obvious that I should take advantage of opportunity to finish both degrees in four years, as opposed to returning to complete my MBA after I have entered the job market."

-CHRISTINA BRINDLEY

"I originally planned to capitalize on my management experience from the Navy and earn my MBA. But, when I realized the door for obtaining my dream job was wide open, I researched the possibility of being a lawyer without scrapping my original plan. Thus, I changed plans mid-stream, and, instead of becoming a manager, I'll become a lawyer who advises managers."

-MICHAEL COSGROVE

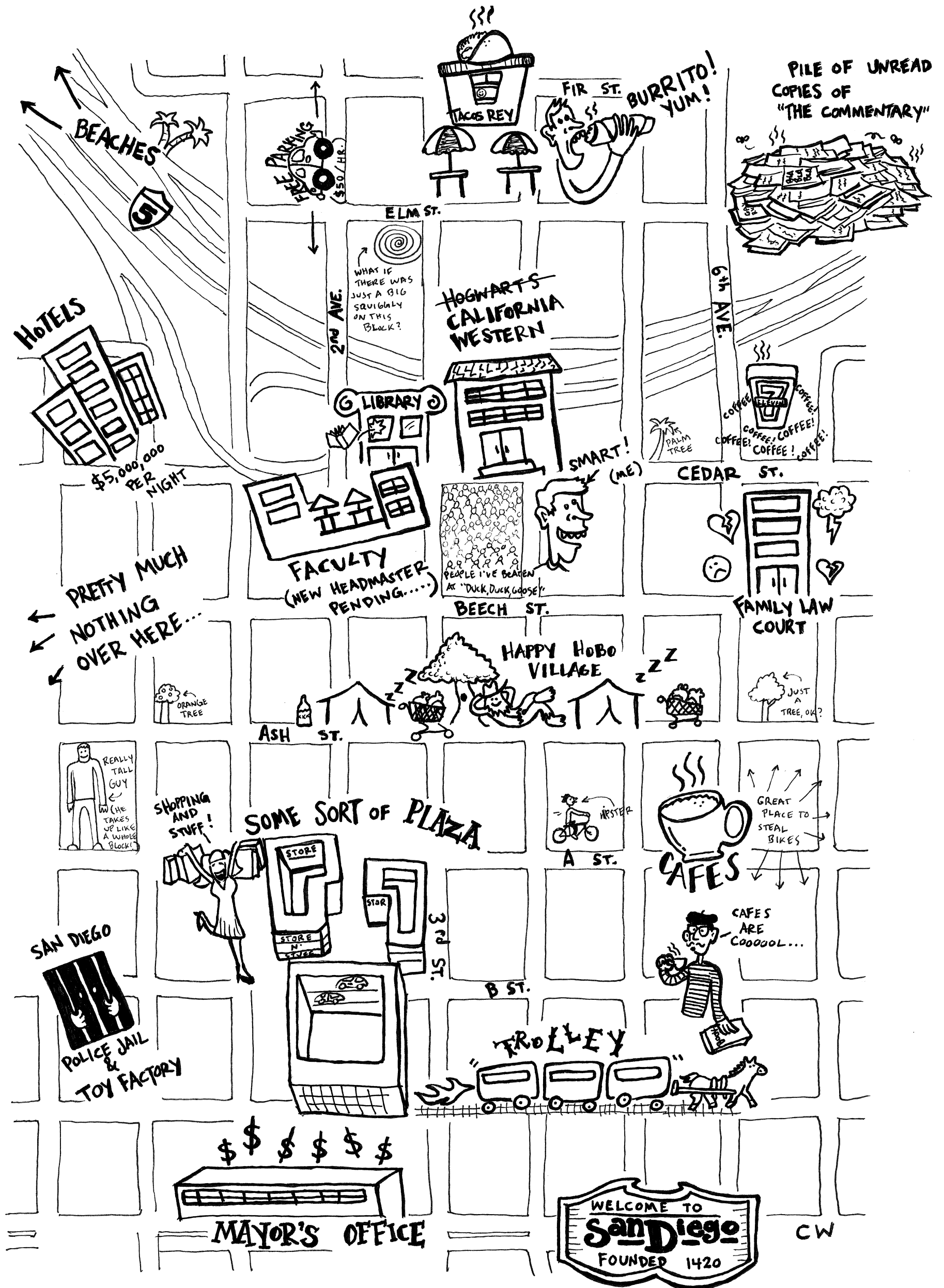
"When I was looking into graduate school, both programs seemed very interesting and applicable. I think that business and law are very complementary fields and I think the dual degree is a great way to explore more options."

-JESSICA GILLIES

Survival Map

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We at the Commentary realize that many of our new colleagues are not from around these parts, so we decided to commission a map. The map below was drawn by our resident illustrator and humorist Cedric Anderson, 2L. It is by no means complete, so you'll have to go out and do some exploring on your own. Each month we will come out with a map of different parts of San Diego. Collect them all! They might be worth something someday.



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CAL WESTERN PROVIDES FREE BOOK RENT-A-CENTER FOR LAW STUDENTS

In an effort to minimize the crippling cost of books, California Western School of Law has opened an entire building devoted to letting students use books free of charge. Professor Farnsworth explains, "We understand how expensive it is to be a law student. So to defray some of that expense, we've made books available to the student body for free." All students have to do is go to the building (at 290 Cedar Street) and ask to "check them out."

Most books are available for days. Some of the more popular works are available for a couple of hours. The school has a comprehensive list of all titles used in class, so it is entirely possible for students to never buy a book in their entire law school careers.

Kevin Magennis, SBA President adds, "Wow! If I'd known about this resource, I'd probably have cancelled my Amazon student account. This is fantastic!"

The rent-a-center includes private study rooms that can be booked by the hour, and free computers with Internet access. All of the

amenities are free of charge to Cal Western students.



Attributed to Life is Good Blog

Study Proves Men are Actually Better Than Women... at Driving

The American Center for Mass Transit Studies, a Baltimore based think tank, has released the results of their decade long research into the driving habits of men and women. The study concluded that, overall, men are superior to women in getting themselves and their passengers to their destinations safely.

Mark Best, the project manager for the study, described some of the report's findings. "You see, it's not really that men are that much better at driving. It's just that women are able to multi-task, while men are not. Therefore, male drivers are singularly focused on the task at hand. Driving."

He quickly added, however, that

Cal Western Receives American Bar Association Award for the Intro to Law Program

California Western School of Law has received a prestigious award from the American Bar Association for its preparatory program for incoming law students. ABA spokeswoman Colleen McHugh explains, "Most law schools indoctrinate

students on either contractual or constitutional issues. You know, the types of things that practicing attorneys face on a daily basis. Only Cal Western had the foresight to teach on a subject as outmoded and archaic as adverse possession."

McHugh goes on to point out that this technique has the benefit of showing first year law students how law school is completely unrelated to the practice of law and is, rather, "just another hoop one must jump through in order to become an attorney."

The award is not expected to significantly increase enrollment at the school, but it may very well help in terms of Cal Western's prestige amongst other local law schools.

Mike Jones, a Cal Western "1L" sums it up best: "It's awards like these that justify my choice of California Western. I feel confident in saying that my school is the best law school in the entire north downtown area of San Diego."

men are nine times more likely to suffer a crash than women when exposed to the added variables of "a beautiful woman walking down the street," or a "close proximity to fast food establishments."

The findings of the study show men are the safer drivers by a 50.1% to 49.8% margin (0.1% being the margin of error). Best concluded with a statement on the decision to publicize the controversial research: "While most people would find this figure to be mathematically insignificant, we felt that since women are superior to men in almost every other statistical category, our study could show men really aren't that inferior after all."

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Fox Plans Sweeping Changes from Renewed Ramsay Contract

In a stunning reversal of fortunes after the Fox media empire's recent wiretapping scandal, the corporation's U.S. television network has quickly moved to renew the contract of one of its most marketable stars.

Executive Vice President for programming, Marjorie Murdock, summed up the new deal for press today, stating, "Clearly this is a time when we needed to shore up our programming and lock up our most valuable personality. That man is Gordon Ramsay."

Terms of the new contract include the re-naming of the channel from Fox to The Ramsay Channel. "We figured since his shows make up 95% of our original programming, the name change fits perfectly into our new branding and marketing strategy," Murdock continued.

In addition to Hell's Kitchen, Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares and Masterchef, Ramsay will also be given his own late night talk show and will be assuming judging duties on the long-running American Idol.

In response, Ramsay had this to say:

"I'm excited about the new deal and I'm looking forward to taking on those wankers" (Leno and Letterman, presumably).

"As far as those American Idol kids, they've got some talent, but it's RAW!"



Please note: Commentary staff are limited in their satirical ability due to extensive brainwashing by CWSL faculty. Except Editor in Chief Brian Horan who had managed to escape. Thus all Artichoke articles have been written Brian Horan. If you think you have what it takes please email us.

CA Debt Crisis Solved by Prisoner/Professor Swap

In an effort to solve the state's budget crisis, the California State Legislature, with the help of the Regents of the University of California and the Department of Corrections has approved a plan to replace ninety percent of professors with mostly non-violent offenders who would be getting out anyway. The remaining ten percent will be replaced with violent offenders who have been "really, really good lately," says Larry Thompson, spokesperson for the Department of Corrections. The plan will save the state an estimated 65 billion dollars over the next 10 years.

"It's really great," says Thompson, "None of these guys have tenure, so we can always replace re-offenders with new parolees."

Another of the proposed measures, the "ADHD Med Tax," remains stalled in committee as the legislature was unable to get enough members to sit down at one time to establish the necessary quorum.

Two Approaches to Surviving Your First Year of Law School

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GUEST WRITER

As I began my first year at California Western, I was frightened. The nagging sense that I might not be as “smart” as I hoped, and that this inadequacy would be displayed before an audience of my peers, was my constant companion. At the same time, I had the sense of excitement that accompanies any adventure. For the first week or so, the fear and the excitement took turns holding me captive.

I was grateful for simple instructions. Advice containing elaborate strategies was of no use, and it annoyed me. A few bits of advice were simple enough for me to follow, and practicing adherence to these tips kept me busy enough that I didn’t have to waste time “thinking about my approach” (or, put differently, “thinking about whether what I’m thinking is what I should be thinking”). As a result, I was able to devote my time and attention to the tasks at hand in my first-year courses.

Here is a list of my six best suggestions for being a successful law student:

1. Thoroughly Do the Assigned Reading (with an Eye Toward Understanding It) – Try to grasp what’s going on, both procedurally and substantively, in the cases assigned. You know when you understand a concept, term, or event. When you don’t, consult the necessary resource. When you’re so confused with a case that you’re not sure where to begin, cheat. Go to a Nutshell or hornbook, look at the index of cases, and turn to the page where the case is discussed. This will orient you enough that you have an idea about what is relevant or especially important – then thoroughly go through the case.

2. Actually Brief the Cases – Do it in writing. It forces you to make sense of things, to decide what’s important enough to write, and to write it in terms you can understand later as you review. Shoot for a ¼ page brief – it’s fun.

3. Do Not Obsessively Compare Yourself to Others – This is the most monumental waste of time in every first-year course at every law school. What others say in class, how smart they sound, their reports of rigorous study routines, etc., are only useful to you insofar as they help you learn the material. Sometimes you can learn from what they are doing. However, for the most part, thoughts in your head about other people’s performance will be useless. Be friendly, help others when you can, and don’t waste time predicting their (or your) success or failure.

4. Practice Applying Rules to Facts (That is, Do Many Practice Tests) – Start early, with about 2 months left in the trimester, and simulate test conditions as much as you can. I know, this sounds odd. You won’t feel even remotely prepared. Muddle through with what you do know. Doing this sooner rather than later will help on three fronts. First, it will get you in the mode of analyzing facts in light of the relevant legal rules (your exams won’t test your ability to outline or brief cases!). Second, it will orient you to the sense of uneasiness that inevitably comes with taking exams. You may stare at a question or essay prompt, and say to yourself, “I have no idea how to do this.” It is much better to go through this experience 2 months before exams than it is a week before exams, or even, worse, on exam day. Finally, taking practice exams is a great way to memorize – far more effective than passively reading over your outline. Do every practice exam at least twice.

5. Outline, but don’t Rely Heavily on Reading your Outline – see #4, above

6. Go to Tutoring, but don’t Rely Heavily on the Tutor – Tutoring should be a nice, efficient review session after you’ve already done the cognitive heavy lifting. Neither the tutor nor the professor is responsible for planting familiarity with concepts into your brain.

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(He did not write this biographical statement.)

AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW

I’ve witnessed the 1L freakouts; and probably even reveled in them a little. After all, how often do you get to see people crying on the phone outside of the library? I’m here to tell you that is all avoidable.

We are all different. Blessed with different talents, skills, and natural instincts that can lead to amazing opportunities and careers. I do not want to take away from Mr. Fox’s advice. Actually, I’d like to add to it. It is because of our differences that some of us are not meant to spend eight hours per day in the library. You need to figure out what kind of student you are.

I have not worked as hard as I should have (My main reason for remaining anonymous). Despite that fact, I’ve managed pretty good grades and to keep most, if not all, of my sanity. I’m not the editor of law review, and if that is your ambition, I highly recommend Mr. Fox’s approach. But, I am here to tell you that law school is about surviving, in tact, as a human being.

A good friend of mine once told me, “Find that one thing that is you, and refuse to let it go.” If you play sports, keep playing. If you write, keep doing that. The point is that you should not let law school fundamentally change you. I do not think it changed Mr. Fox. I think it actually made him even better than he knew he could be. But for the rest of us mortals, we need to find a way to get by. Here are a few tips I have benefitted by:

1. If you don’t do anything else, go to class.

I once missed a torts class on Res Ipsa (if you don’t know it, you will). I went to the professor before the exam to clarify, and she told me not to worry about it. I got to the exam and the whole thing was based off Res Ipsa. Luckily, I had consulted about 18 different outside sources to learn the material. I did alright, but not better than if I had gone to class.

2. Outlines are pretty useless.

I have never made a full outline in my entire Cal Western career. I have made several attack outlines, however. Attack outlines are key for race-horse exams. (e.g. Campbell, Fink, etc.) It’s important to get the concepts and be able to apply them... quickly!

3. Learn to play the game.

Some professors give you novel fact patterns and want you to do legitimate analysis based on those facts. Some. Others want you to simply tell them what they told you in class. It should be a top priority to figure out what kind of professor you have, especially in first year. Many professors want to see your genius, ingenuity, and talent, but some just want you to pay attention to them and tell them what they want to hear. No professor will tell you that outright, so it’s up to you to use your talents to figure out who likes it which way.

4. Getting a ‘C’ is not the end of the world.

The 1L curve is harsh. Chances are you will get a ‘C.’ Maybe even in Civ pro... It’s not the end of the world. Your second semester grades will probably improve, if only because you are now aware of what a 3-hour exam is. Furthermore, for all you innocence project fans, if you get a ‘C’ in crim law it doesn’t necessarily mean that your life’s work is over. Grading is subjective. Trust in your knowledge of the material. I got a less than stellar grade from Prof. Lynch in evidence, but I count that class as one of the most valuable I’ve had since coming to Cal Western. Just know that your grade is just how you did on one test. It has nothing to do with how well you might do in that field in the future.

When I started law school, people were telling me that it would be, “the hardest thing you’ll ever do.” In reality, it’s not even close. I came here determined to go to every class and become a good student. Then I discovered that person isn’t me. I’m a terrible student and I get lazy just like anybody else (except Josh, of course). I’m not saying that you will have success if you aren’t willing to work. Instead, I want you to know that it’s okay to take a night off once in a while. Go see a movie, hang out with friends, go to the gym, and do all the other things that make life worth living. You’ll know when you need to buckle down. Trust me, the work isn’t going anywhere

THE RISE OF THE GASTROPUB

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Man cannot live on coffee and red bull alone. I think Abraham Lincoln said that. Anyway, the only thing that matters is that truer words have never been spoken. We all need to eat. And while, for most of us on a budget, this usually means Top Ramen and Hot Pockets, it doesn't mean that law students aren't entitled to the good stuff every now and then.

In case you weren't aware, San Diego is one of the beer capitols of the United States. Home to large breweries and small craft shops alike, it is one of the best places on the planet to grab a pint. But the new trend isn't the sports bar, the dive bar, or the local watering hole. Instead, discerning patrons of the San Diego food scene are demanding more. They want food, and they want it to taste good.

Enter the newest genre to hit downtown San Diego: the gastropub. This curious subculture pairs the best of the beer scene with reasonably priced modern cuisine. Nowhere is this trend more evident than the small square of real estate bound by G Street to the north and Market to the south, between 8th and 9th Avenues. This little block has three separate gastropubs, two new and one a seasoned veteran.

On 8th and G, we've got Neighborhood. The smallest of the three pubs, it has been around the longest and has been one of my favorite spots since moving to San Diego two years ago. As far as the menu is concerned, it is also the most stable. In addition to offering one of the best burgers in San Diego (The Neighborhood Burger), they also offer an array of delicacies ranging from a roasted veggie sandwich to chorizo corn dogs and sweet potato fries. They have over 15 craft brews on draft, and they rotate them out as the kegs run dry. Part of the fun at Neighborhood is that you never know what they'll have next. If you aren't a fan of the beer, Neighborhood is also home to the popular speakeasy known as Noble Experiment. Noble is a lounge that fits about 20 people and is home to some of the finest hand crafted cocktails in town. Reservations via text are required at Noble, so stop in to get the number or find me at school and I'll be happy to hook you up.

Next, on the corner of Market and 9th, there is a 3-month old venture called the Knotty Barrel. Though not the largest of the three, the space is fairly wide open and the patio has plenty of room so you can sit outside and enjoy the waning days of summer. Unlike Neighborhood, the beer selection here stays pretty static. However, with 12 taps and about 40 bottled selections, in addition to cocktails and a small but serviceable wine menu, you'll never really run out of things to try. Menu highlights include the Bison Burger with bleu cheese and the pulled pork sandwich. For a treat, try the delicious fried twinkie for dessert.

Finally, situated roughly halfway between Neighborhood and Knotty Barrel is the newest addition to the gastropub scene: Bootlegger. Unlike its prohibition era ancestors, Bootlegger is no hole in the wall. In fact, it's the largest of the group. The beers on tap and cocktails on the menu are closer to those you'd find at Yardhouse, but the menu is less Cheesecake Factory-esqe. The highlight of their draft brews is Hennepin by Ommegang brewery. Hennepin is a light, crisp, Belgian-style ale, brewed in Cooperstown, New York. It's the perfect compliment to any number of their menu items, which include beer-battered chicken and waffles, pork belly served with potato pancakes and a maple gastrique, and a number of appetizers including mini cornbreads shaped like ears of corn.

In short, you don't need to be a drinker to enjoy the newest additions to the San Diego restaurant scene. If you enjoy a tasty pint once in a while, these places will gladly serve one up. Just don't expect to be washing down buffalo wings and greasy bar food with it. Instead, branch out and try something you haven't had before. Who knows? You might just find a new favorite.

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1. Nimble

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10. Not fake

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15. Not pre-recorded

16. Coastal raptor

17. Spy

18. Greek goddess of discord

19. Magician

20. The audience of a newspaper

22. ____-friendly

23. A thorny flower

24. Cantankerous

26. Dogfish

30. Missing In Action

31. Foot digit

32. Chamber

33. Concludes

35. Operatic solos

39. A complete list of things (American spelling)

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11. Delete

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21. Juliet's beau

25. Horse color

26. Circle fragments

27. Protective ditch

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34. Steel containing chromium

36. Wild goat

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40. Bottom of the barrel

42. Grain disease

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53. An Indycar or F1 car

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59. Violent disturbance

60. Countertenor

61. Adolescent

62. Swirl

MARY- MICHELLE'S COOKING CORNER

Ever feel the need fer som' variety in yer study cuisine? Vendin' machines no longer tickle yer fancy? Taco shop not cuttin' it anymore? Well ya'll are in the raht place 'cause the Commentary's resident southern chef Mary-Michelle is fixin' to knock you so hard with her easy and delicious reci- pes, you'll see tomorrow, today. That's right, Mary-Michelle's monthly appearance at the Cooking Corner will provide yer brains with fodder that'll give ya the mental energy to tear up railroad tracks with rubber hammers. Ya see, Mary-Michelle designs her recipes knowin' that ya'll are busier than a one-legged man at a butt kickin' contest, so they can be made with little effort, in no time at all, yet still knock yer stomachs catawampus with de-liciousness. You won't know whether to scratch yer watch or wind yer butt by the time you're through eatin' this stuff. Enjoy!

- Zuchini and Tomato Farfalle (bowtie)
- Ingredients (per one serving):
- 1 zuchini
- 1 tomato
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup farfalle pasta

Preparation: Cut zuchini in quarter inch half-moons and dice the tomato. Mince garlic. Start bringing water to boil, add about a tablespoon of salt to the water. While waiting on water to boil, heat up the oil on medium heat. After about a minute, add the garlic to the oil. Once you can smell the garlic, add the zuchini half-moon slices. If water is boiling - add the pasta and cook for 7-10 minutes until al dente (not squishy but kinda firm in the middle). Cook zuchinni on medium heat for about 5 minutes, add tomatoes. Cover and turn heat to low. Once pasta is done, add to the zuchini and tomato skillet, toss and serve. You may want to add a little drizzle of oil if you like, maybe some parmesean or fresh basil.